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FROM AMBASSADOR

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STATE PLEASE PASS STR FOR AMB STRAUSS  
COMMERCE FOR FRANK WEIL  
LABOR FOR HOWARD SAMUEL

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: ETRD, KS, US  
SUBJECT: US-KOREA TEXTILE AGREEMENT

1. U.S. TEXTILE NEGOTIATING TEAM SHOULD, IN MY VIEW, BE COMMENDED FOR ACHIEVING IN A SHORT PERIOD A NEW BILATERAL AGREEMENT WITH KOREA WHICH MEETS THE OBJECTIVES AND INTERESTS OF BOTH THE U.S. GOVERNMENT AND U.S. INDUSTRY AND LABOR. OF PRIME IMPORTANCE IS THE FACT THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS AND THE RESULTS THEREOF SHOULD BE CONSIDERED A REAL PLUS IN US/ROK RELATIONS, ESPECIALLY GIVEN THE CONSTRAINTS UNDER WHICH THE U.S. NEGOTIATORS WERE WORKING.

2. I THINK ANY IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS WILL SHOW THAT THE U.S. TEAM GAINED VERY POSITIVE ADVANTAGES. AMONG THEM ARE A COMPLETE STANDSTILL IN GROWTH FOR 1978, A NEAR STANDSTILL IN GROWTH IN 1979 IN SEVERAL LARGE IMPACTED CATEGORIES, SPECIAL HANDLING FOR SUITS, AND THE FACT THAT SOME 83 PERCENT OF APPAREL WILL GROW AT 2.88 PER-

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CENT OR LESS OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS.

3. IN ACHIEVING THESE AND OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONCESSIONS, THE U.S. TEAM PROVIDED THE ROK WITH SOME IMPORTANT OPTICS WHICH SMOOTHED THE WAY TO A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF THE TALKS AND CONTRIBUTED POSITIVELY TO OUR OVERALL BILATERAL RELATIONS. THE FACT WAS THAT

THE U.S. TEAM HAD TO OBTAIN SOME VERY REAL CONCESSIONS,  
AND IT DID SO IN A WAY WHICH ENABLED THE ROKG TO AGREE  
TO THEM. AS A RESULT AND DESPITE THE FACT THAT THIS  
NEW BILATERAL IS MUCH TOUGHER THAN THE PRESENT AGREEMENT  
AND KOREANS ARE NATURALLY NOT WHOLELY SATISFIED, I THINK  
IT SAFE TO SAY THAT THE TEXTILE ISSUE BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES  
WILL NOT BE A MAJOR BONE OF CONTENTION.

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